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Senator Nancy Skinner
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Senate Bill 950
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 950 (Skinner).

SB 950 aims to improve and expand access to reentry services by: 1) requiring the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to establish and maintain a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) to allow a person incarcerated in a correctional institution to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow the administration to process Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims under the prerelease program; 2) requiring CDCR to ensure that all eligible residents of a community correctional reentry center are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program within 30 days of entry at the center; 3) requiring CDCR to partner with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to maximize Medi-Cal benefits received by community correctional reentry center residents; and 4) requiring CDCR to partner with the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to maximize CalFresh benefits for residents of a community correctional reentry center.

SB 950 is a logical approach to reducing recidivism and drug addiction among individuals who were formerly incarcerated by ensuring that necessary healthcare, supportive systems, and substance use treatments are created. We believe that by identifying ways to pre-enroll incarcerated individuals into supportive services and expanding housing opportunities for those reentering, the programs introduced via SB 950 may decrease recidivism and increase public safety for Californians.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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